(c) whether Government propose to upgrade at least one university in each State to the grade of central university; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia,* indicating the university that is proposed to be upgraded to a central university in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Plan Allocation to the University Grants Commission has been increased to Rs. 1269.80 crores during 2006-07 from Rs. 786.30 crores during the year 2005-06. The break up is as follows:—

(i) Central Universities in North Eastern Region	—	Rs. 122.96 crores
(ii) Other Central Universities	—	Rs. 392.04 crores
(iii) State University of the North Eastern Region	—	Rs. 7.37 crores
(iv) Other Universities and Inter University Centres etc.	—	Rs. 747.43 crores
TOTAL:		Rs. 1269.80 crores

(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Fake certificates for admission

580. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances have come to notice that certain students seeking admission in degree courses of various universities submitted fake certificates for getting admission on relaxed standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and touts involved in such rackets; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent admission on fake certificates in various universities in this academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants

Commission (UGC), the Commission has not received any specific complaint in this regard. However, some Universities, randomly check genuineness of certificate from the issuing authority to prevent admission on fake certificate.

Criteria for higher education

581. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that merit will no longer be the criteria for higher, specialised and technical education in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the possibilities of frustration of meritorious aspirants and impact of brain drain from the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir, *inter-se* merit within each category of equals will continue to be the criteria in higher and technical education.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Raising retirement age of teachers

582. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the retirement age of teachers in universities and other professional colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether similar action would taken in the case of other teachers of primary and senior secondary schools, also and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and